**Security arrangements at Airports**

8. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any critical review of the entire security measures at the country's international and domestic airports after the hijacking of Indian Airlines aircraft to Kandhar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to plug the shortcomings in the airports security arrangements to avoid such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A review of shortcomings observed at 66 airports in the country has been made and the matter was taken up with the concerned agencies for remedial measures. The following are some of the steps taken by the Government for meeting security arrangements at airports after the hijacking incident:

(i) Surprise checks and dummy checks conducted to monitor arrangements at international airports and hyper-sensitive airports by a team of various security/intelligence agencies concerned;

(ii) Central Industrial Security Force has been deployed at 19 domestic airports;

(iii) Sky Marshals have been deployed on selected routes on random basis;

(iv) Pre-embarkation security checks and ladder-point frisking at airports have been strengthened; and

(v) Comprehensive training programmes being held for training of Airport Security Staff, Cockpit Crew and Cabin Crew.